

Item 1: OPENING OF MEETING:

The Mayor, Cr Weazel declared the meeting open at 9:02am.

The Mayor acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land on which this meeting takes place and paid respect to Elders both past and present.

Item 2: RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Cr Joshua Weazel Mayor
Cr Laurence Weazel Deputy Mayor
Cr Dellas Walker
Cr Joel Cameron
Cr Gerry Doyle

Michael Hayward Chief Executive Officer

Item 3: APOLOGIES

Nil

Item 4: DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Nil

Attendance

James O'Brien & Maree Tysoe (DHPW) entered the meeting at 9:03am

Presented council with a copy of the departments allocations policy. Discussions regarding council input into allocation of housing.

Council comment policy is a bit ambiguous and needs to clearly define the process involved in allocation of housing and include a graphic (flowchart) that clearly identifies the process so that the allocation process is clearly understood by all parties.

James O'Brien gave a commitment to ensuring that a review of the policy would be undertaken to ensure clear understanding of the process and to include a flowchart.

DHPW representatives left the meeting at 9:27am

Attendance:

Superintendent Glenn Pointing and Inspector Mick Dowie (QPS) entered the meeting at 9:31am.

Inspector Dowie introduced Superintendent Pointing who has taken over command of the CQ region and gave an update on recent QPS activities and outcomes from policing operations in the Woorabinda district.

Inspector Dowie gave an update on recent discussions regarding possible amendment to Juvenile Justice legislation that would encourage greater involvement in the Murrie Court process.

QPS representatives left the meeting at 10:10am.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 10:15am for morning tea and resumed at 10:57am.

During the adjournment, Councillors attended the Domestic Violence (Sorry Day) March organised by the Woorabinda Community Justice Group.

Cr Dellas Walker was not in attendance at the resumption of the meeting.

Cr Dellas Walker returned to the meeting at 11:12am/

Attendance:

Angela Ruska (DSDSATSIP) and Desanya Stanley (Destiny Designed Pty Ltd) attended the meeting via Video Link at 11:03am

Discussion was held regarding the review of the current Community Safety Plan with emphasis on Alcohol Management and other community safety issues including Domestic Violence and Drugs.



Angela Ruska advised that council is eligible to receive \$100,000 over two (2) years to implement councils Community Safety Plan. Ms Ruska also advised that a further \$185,000 will soon be available for improved delivery of community safety and wellbeing services.

The video link terminated at 11:36am.

Item 5: CONDOLENCE

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Item 6: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting of Council – 22 April 2021

Moved: Cr Dellas Walker
Second: Cr Joshua Weazel

That Council resolve that:

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 22 April 2021 be confirmed.

Motion Carried 5/0

Resolution: 0521-01

Item 7: BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Nil

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:04pm and reconvened at 12:38pm

Item 8: Monthly Financial Performance Statement – 30 April 2021

Moved: Cr Joshua Weazel
Seconded: Cr Gerry Doyle

That Council resolve that:

That the Financial Performance Statement for the period ending 30 April 2021 be received.

Carried: 5/0

Resolution: 0521-02

Item 9: OFFICERS REPORTS

Item 9.1: Corporate Services Report

Moved: Cr Joshua Weazel
Seconded: Cr Dellas Walker

That Council resolve that the Corporate Services Report be received.

Carried: 5/0

Resolution: 0521-03

Item 9.2: Town Services Report

Moved: Cr Joshua Weazel
Seconded: Cr Gerry Doyle

That Council resolve that the Town Services Report be received.

Carried: 5/0

Resolution: 0521-04



Item 9.3: Works and Building Services Report

Moved: Cr Dellas Walker

Seconded: Cr Joel Cameron

That Council resolve that the Works and Building Services Report be received.

Carried: 5/0

Resolution: 0521-05-

Item 9.3.1: Church Renovations

Moved: Cr Joel Cameron

Seconded: Cr Dellas Walker

That Council resolve:

1. Council undertake remedial works to a maximum value of \$20,000 at the Catholic Church to replace all leaking gutters and remove all overhanging trees and treat for termites.
2. Council undertake remedial works to a maximum value of \$20,000 at the AIM Church Sunday School building to replace all damaged toilets and plumbing to treat for termites.

Carried: 5/0

Resolution: 0521-06

Action 222: Engage contractors to undertake remedial works at Catholic and AIM Church

Item 9.4: Chief Executive Officers Report

Moved: Cr Joshua Weazel

Seconded: Cr Joel Cameron

That Council resolve that the Chief Executive Officers Report be received.

Carried: 5/0

Resolution: 0521-07

Item 9.4.1: Yumba Binda Lease to Yoonthalla Services.

Moved: Cr Joel Cameron

Seconded: Cr Gerry Doyle

That Council resolve that:

Council endorse the draft lease as presented and the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to finalise negotiations with Yoonthalla Services subject to a formal resolution by council to enter the lease.

Carried: 5/0

Resolution: 0521-08

Action 223: Liaise with Yoonthalla Services CEO to finalise Lease

Item 9.4.2: Woorabinda Service Station.

Moved: Cr Joshua Weazel

Seconded: Cr Joel Cameron

That Council resolve that:

The matter lay on the table for further consideration at the June 2021 ordinary meeting.

Carried: 5/0

Resolution: 0521-09

Item 10: Audit Committee Charter Policy

At the ordinary meeting of Council held 22 April 2021, Council resolved establish an internal audit committee and that a policy be developed to establish the Audit Committee Charter.

Moved: Cr Joshua Weazel
Seconded: Cr Gerry Doyle

That Council resolve that:

Council adopt the Audit Committee Charter Policy as presented.

Carried: 5/0

Resolution: 0521-10

Action 224: Update Policy Register

Item 11: Staff Housing Policy

At the ordinary meeting of council held 24 June 2020, council resolved to draft a Staff Housing Policy to coordinate the tenancy and property management of the Woorabinda Shire Council owned housing utilized as employee housing.

Moved: Cr Joshua Weazel
Seconded: Cr Joel Cameron

Council resolves that:

Council adopt the Staff Housing Policy as presented.

Carried: 5/0

Resolution: 0521-11

Action 225: Update Policy Register

Moved: Cr Joshua Weazel
Seconded: Cr Joel Cameron

Council resolves that:

Cr Laurence Weazel and Cr Walker be councils' representatives on the Staff Housing Committee.

Carried: 5/0

Resolution: 0521-12

Item 12: 24JAA Application – Woorabinda Subdivision

Council proposes to develop a subdivision to enable construction of social housing under funding from the Federal Government through the Queensland Governments *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Action Plan 2019-2023*.

The land proposed for the subdivision is held under Deed of Grant in Trust (DOGIT) and is subject to Native Title.

Section 24JAA of the Native Title Act 1993 allows for the construction, maintenance and use of public housing and infrastructure on Indigenous-held land that is, or may be, subject to native title.

Section 24JAA requires government bodies undertaking the public infrastructure development to notify relevant native title parties of the acts to be done and consult with those parties about the proposed acts.

Moved: Cr Joshua Weazel
Seconded: Cr Gerry Doyle

That Council resolve that:

1. Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council as Trustee of the Woorabinda DOGIT resolves to seek assistance from DSDSATSIP with:
 - issuing a notice under s.24JAA of the Native Title Act 1993 for a 15 lot subdivision.
 - the production of a cultural heritage agreement over the 15 lots; and
 - the drafting of a 40-year social housing lease instrument over the 15 lots.
2. The purpose of the s.24JAA notice is to obtain Native Title consent for the construction of a 15-lot social housing subdivision. The social houses are proposed to be leased to the State represented by the Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy for a term of 40 years.

Carried: 5/0

Resolution: 0521-13

Action 226

Write to DSDSATSIP requesting assistance with issuing 24JAA Notice

Item 13:

Sunwater – Water Storage Easement

The proposed Rookwood Weir will cause inundation of approximately 4.95ha of river frontage on Dawsonvale.

Sunwater is seeking Council's consent to grant a water storage easement over the area proposed to be inundated by the Weirs water storage impoundment within Dawsonvale.

Moved: Cr Joshua Weazel
Seconded: Cr Gerry Doyle

In accordance with Section 97 of the Aboriginal Land Act 1991, Council resolve that:

1. That the Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council is the Local Government Authority for the Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire and the Trustee of the Woorabinda Deed of Grant in Trust (DOGIT).
2. As the Local Government Authority and Trustee for the DOGIT the Council has the responsibility of deciding what is in the best interest of the community and Councils considers that granting Sunwater a water storage easement will be for the benefit of the Woorabinda Aboriginal Community as it is necessary to support Sunwater's ability to create the water storage impoundment which will provide increased water reliability to enable Council to more readily access our existing water allocation.
3. The improved access to our water allocation will assist Council to maximise the economic potential of our agricultural business undertaken upon the identified land parcel.
4. Council acknowledge that the grant of the proposed easement is a creation of an interest in transferable land under section 282 of the Aboriginal Land Act 1991 and as such require Ministerial consent as a pre-condition to creating this interest.

Carried: 5/0

Resolution: 0521-14

Action 227

Write to Sunwater advising that council has granted a water storage easement.

Item 14: Reshaping our approach to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Domestic and Family Violence (DFV) Strategy

The Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander partnerships is responsible for leading several actions under the Reshaping our Approach to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Domestic and Family Violence (DFV) Strategy.

The department is seeking feedback from remote and discrete Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to see who is interested in developing a DFV action plan or a DFV Social Reinvestment Project.

Moved: Cr Joshua Weazel
Seconded: Cr Gerry Doyle

That Council resolve that:

1. Council submit an expression of interest to DSDSATSIP to develop a community led DFV action plan; and
2. Council submit an expression of interest to DSDSATSIP to develop a social reinvestment project.

Carried: 5/0

Resolution: 0521-15

Action 228: Lodge expressions of interest with DSDSATSIP for community led DFV action plan and social reinvestment project.

Item 15: Australia Bureau of Statistics – Rental of Office Space

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) has engaged several Woorabinda residents to undertake a data collection service on behalf of the bureau.

The local Woorabinda ABS team leader has identified the vacant shop next to the Woorabinda Service Station as a suitable space to conduct the data collection and is seeking Council permission to rent the space for approximately three (3) months.

Moved: Cr Joshua Weazel
Seconded: Cr Joel Cameron

That Council resolve that:

1. Council agrees to rent the (old hairdresser) to the Australian Bureau of Statistics for a period of 3 months; and
2. The CEO be authorised to negotiate an appropriate rental amount.

Carried: 5/0

Resolution: 0521-16

Action 229: Write to Fiona Richardson advising of approval and negotiate rental amount.

Item 16: Bore Falls Birthing Place

Correspondence has been received from Elvina (Bino) Toby requesting that council consider fencing off a small seating area at Bore Falls Birthing Place to prevent the damage to the area by cattle.

Moved: Cr Dellas Walker
Seconded: Cr Joshua Weazel

That Council resolve that:

1. Elvina (Bino) Toby be requested to seek support from the registered claimants for the area to fence Bore Falls Birthing Place; and



2. That the matter lay on the table for further consideration pending confirmation of support for the project from the registered claimants.

Carried: 5/0

Resolution: 0521-17

Action 230: Write to Elvina (Bino) Toby requesting confirmation of support from registered claimants in support of proposed fencing project.

Item 17: Church Gospel Rally – Request for Assistance with Accommodation

A Church Gospel Rally is proposed to be held in Woorabinda over the weekend of 9-11 July 2021, led by Pastor Max Conlon from Cherbourg. It is anticipated that more than 50 people will be attending the event and council assistance is sought with the provision of accommodation for persons attending the Rally.

Moved: Cr Dellas Walker

Seconded: Cr Joshua Weazel

That Council resolve that:

1. Council grant approval for persons engaged in the Church Gospel Rally to utilise the facilities at Blackboy during the weekend of 9th, 10th and 11th July 2021.
2. That the standard fees and charges for the Blackboy Accommodation are to apply; and
3. That the organisers liaise with the PCYC Manager for permission for the use of the Kangaroo Stadium.

Carried: 5/0

Resolution: 0521-18

Action 231: Write to Lenore Blair and advise of approval and fees for use of Blackboy Station for Gospel Rally

Item 18: Hire of Blackboy Outstation Grounds and Toilet Facilities

Tahlea Beckett and Randall Bloomfield are seeking council permission to use Blackboy Outstation for their wedding on 3 July 2021.

Council will need to consider setting a charge for the use of the facilities as no fee is currently set for use of the Blackboy grounds and toilet facilities.

Moved: Cr Joshua Weazel

Seconded: Cr Dellas Walker

That Council resolve that:

1. Approval be granted for use of the Blackboy Outstation for a wedding on 3 July 2021; and
2. That a fee of \$250 be set for the use of the kitchen and toilet facilities; and
3. A refundable deposit of \$250 be charged to ensure all facilities are let in a clean and tidy state.

Carried: 5/0

Resolution: 0521-19

Action 232: Write to Tahlea Beckett and advise of approval of fees for use of Blackboy Station for wedding.



Item 19: PCYC – Cemetery Beautification Project

Woorabinda PCYC are partnering with Youth Justice and the Cathy Freeman Foundation to facilitate a NAIDOC Week Activity/Project with the youth of Woorabinda.

The project will incorporate tidy up and beautification of the cemetery by means of plastic flowers and ornaments and will incorporate a large cross at the front of the cemetery containing mosaic tiles made by local youth.

Moved: Cr Dellas Walker

Seconded: Cr Joel Cameron

That Council resolve that:

Council grant permission for PCYC to erect a large cross at the front of the Woorabinda Cemetery.

Carried: 5/0

Resolution: 0521-20

Action 233: Write to PCYC advising of approval to erect a cross at the entrance to Woorabinda Cemetery

Item 20: Sponsorship – Woorabinda Knights

Correspondence has been received from Mr David Daisy seeking sponsorship for a team to compete in the Mackay Indigenous Rugby League Carnival. The team will consist of players from the central Qld area, mainly Woorabinda, Cherbourg & Rockhampton.

Moved: Cr Gerry Doyle

Seconded: Cr Dellas Walker

That Council resolve that:

A council provide sponsorship in the amount of \$250 toward the Woorabinda Knights to participate in the Mackay Indigenous Rugby League Carnival.

Carried: 5/0

Resolution: 0521-21

Action 234: Write to Woorabinda Knights advising of sponsorship approval.

Item 21: GENERAL BUSINESS

Item 21.1: PCYC Youth Church Programs

Moved: Cr Dellas Walker

Seconded: Cr Joshua Weazel

That Council resolve that:

A formal letter be written to the Rockhampton Northside Family Church inviting them to the Woorabinda community to work in partnership with PCYC to facilitate ongoing youth programs.

Carried: 5/0

Resolution: 0521-22

Action 235: Write to Rockhampton Northside Family Church and invite them to community.



Item 21.2: Opal Fuel

Moved: Cr Joshua Weazel

Seconded: Cr Joel Cameron

That Council resolve that:

Due to the irregular and unreliable supply of opal fuel, council change fuel supply from Opal Fuel to regular ULP.

Carried: 5/0

Resolution: 0521-23

Action 236: Change ULP supply to regular ULP

Item 21.3: Promotional Film – “We are Woorabinda”

Moved: Cr Joshua Weazel

Seconded: Cr Gerry Doyle

In accordance with Section 235(a) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council resolve that:

1. Council is satisfied that there is only one (1) supplier who is reasonably available based on unique nature of the services required; and
2. That based on the extensive experience in the production of promotional media for other indigenous communities, council engage the services of Millstream Productions to develop a ½ hour documentary promoting Woorabinda and for broadcast on NITV, ABC and mainstream media.

Carried: 5/0

Resolution: 0521-24

Action 237: Raise Purchase Order for Millstream Products to develop documentary.

Item 10: CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 4:52pm.

**Minutes
Certificate**

These Minutes are confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday 23 June 2021.


Cr Joshua Weazel (Mayor)


Date